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SUBJECT: FAA FOREIGN VISITOR PROGRAM LT. COL. LUIS ARECHAVALA, CHIEF
RADIOELECTRONIC AND WEATHER INSTALLATION SUBSECRETARIAT OF CIVIL
AVIATION

1. EMBASSY INFORMED SEPTEMBER 8 BY KALEVI E. OITTINEN, DIRECTOR OF
PAGE IBERIA, SA, THAT HE WILL ESCORT ARECHAVALA AND ANOTHER SPANISH
OFFICIAL, PRADO, TO KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, TO VISIT WILC
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ELECTRIC CO. OITTINEN SAID THAT GROUP WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON NIGHT
OF SEPTEMBER 14 AND WILL BE IN CITY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER
15 AND 16, AND THAT ARECHAVALA HAD INDICATED INTEREST IN MEETING
WITH FAA.

2. EMBOFF CALLED ARECHAVALA, WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AND DISCUSSED
VISIT. ARECHAVALA EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED ESPECIALLY
IN DISCUSSING HOW FAA MIGHT ASSIST IN RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING
OF INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FOR HIS SECTION. ALTHOUGH
AT PRESENT MAINTENANCE IS NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY
ARECHAVALA SAID THAT HE VIEWS THIS AS NECESSARY MERGER IN THE FUTURE.
ARECHAVALA POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT. IF FAA CAAG ASKED THAT TEN
TECHNICIANS BE SELECTED FOR TRAINING IN US HE WOULD BE UNABLE
TO FIND THEM. THIS HIS PROBLEM INCLUDES RECRUITMENT AS WELL AS
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TRAINING. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT CAAG PERSONNEL WOULD BE IN
WASHINGTON FOR CONSULATATIONS PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR MADRID BUT
DATES WERE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

3. ARECHAVALA SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH FAA ALONE FOR
ABOVE DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION IF VISIT TO APPROPRIATE FAA
INSTALLATION, SUCH AS LYNCHBURG COENTER, CAN BE ARRANGED FOR

THURSDAY OR FRIDAY ALL THREE VISITORS (INCLUDING OITTINEN) WOULD BE INTERESTED. ARECHAVALA HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON BEFORE, INCLUDING LAST YEAR WHEN HE MET WITH USAF PERSONNEL (COL. HUTCHINSON) TO DISCUSS COMBAT GRANDE PROGRAM.

4. COMMENT: EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT ARECHAVALA CONTACT DAN MOORE, FAAN ON THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, WITH REGARD ABOVE REQUEST. IF NECESSARY TO CONTACT ARECHAVALA OR OITTINEN WHILE THEY ARE IN KANSAS CITY, FAA CAN REACH THEM THROUGH WILCOX, TELEPHONE 816-231-0700 (JACK KELSH OR MR. WHARTON), OR THROUGH PAGE COMMUNICATIONS, TEL 703-938-40000(MR TATMAN) EATON

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